GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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HANDING OVER RIGHTS OF PRIMARY EDUCATION SYSTEM TO LOCAL BODIES ETC.
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hand-over the rights of primary education system to local bodies, corporations and Panchayat Raj institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) : The National Policy on Education, 1986 andthe Programme of Action(POA), 1992 have emphasised the importance of decentralizing planning and management of education at all levels and involving people in the process. In accordance with the POA,a Committee on Decentralised Management of Education was constituted to formulate guidelines for the management of education at district, sub-district, and village levels keeping in view the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution of India. This Committee had indicated how educational structures should be set up at the district, block/taluk levels in pursuance of the Constitutional Amendments. It had also suggested ways for mobilizing community participation in the educational process so that the country could move with a renewed vigour towards the goal of Universalisation of Elementary Education. This report was commended for appropriate adoption and effective implementation by the States and UTs keeping in view the specific situations as well as the spirit of the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution of India.